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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF IRAQI LOS DELEGATION HEAD

1. DR. ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-KUTAIFEH, FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIAL WHO HEADS IRAQ'S LOS DELEGATION, TOLD USINT
OFFICER THAT IRAQIS LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSE COORDINATION
WITH U.S. DELEGATION AT FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.
KUTAIFEH OBSERVED THAT THE STRUGGLE WHICH HAS DEVELOPED
BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED NATIONS AND THE GROUP OF 77
IS IN MANY WAYS AN ARTIFICIAL CONFLICT AND CERTAINLY
ONE WHICH IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF EITHER IRAQ
OR THE U.S.

2. KUTAIFEH IS UNSURE AT THIS POINT WHETHER OR NOT
HE WILL HEAD DELEGATION IN PERSON AT GENEVA. HE
IS AWARE, HOWEVER, FROM OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS
THAT GENEVA MAY WELL REPRESENT A CRITICAL LAST CHANCE
FOR REACHING AGREEMENT. WHILE WE ARE NOT SURE THAT
KUTAIFEH COULD DECISIVELY LEAD THE IRAQI DELEGATION
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TO BREAK WITH THIRD WORLD MAJORITY, HE HAS MADE IT CLEAR
IN THE PAST THAT IRAQ IS FED UP WITH WHAT IT SEES AS
NEGLECT BY GROUP OF 77 FOR INTERESTS OF LAND LOCKED AND
GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES LIKE IRAQ.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT U.S. DELEGATION AT GENEVA SEEK
OUT IRAQI COUNTERPARTS. IF KUTAIFEH DOES ATTEND, WE

BELIEVE THAT A BILATERAL MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR
RICHARDSON COULD PAY SIGNIFICANT DIVIDENDS.
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